

Overview

The Arizona Department of Commerce administers the enterprise zone program, which was established by the legislature in 1989. The primary goal is to improve the economies of areas in the state with high poverty or unemployment rates. The program provides two kinds of incentives to companies that create jobs and do business within an enterprise zone:

- ✧ New Job Tax Credits and
- ✧ Reduced Property Taxes for Manufacturers & Commercial Printers

Getting Started

1. Determine if your company is in a zone by checking the Arizona Commerce website, and click on Business Services to view the map, and verify your eligibility for benefits.
2. Contact Coconino County, Carol Curtis Zone Administrator, at (928) 679-7400

Map of Coconino County Enterprise Zone



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Coconino County ARIZONA ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM

General Information



**An Incentive Program
for Local Businesses**

Arizona Enterprise Zone: Coconino County

Income/Premium Tax Credits

Who is eligible?

Any company or insurer located within the enterprise zones, with no more than 10% retail sales at the zone location.

What are the benefits?

Income/Premium tax credits up to \$3,000 for each new job over a 3-year period, with a maximum of 200 new jobs per taxpayer in any given year.

How do I qualify?

Your company must create new jobs that:

- ✧ Are full-time and permanent,
- ✧ Pay at least \$8.97/hour,
- ✧ Pay at least 50% of health insurance costs for the employee (your company may be self-insured but will need to supply proper documentation),
- ✧ Perform work primarily at the zone location, and
- ✧ Have 35% of the employees on whom the credit is taken live within the zone on the date of hire.

When do I apply?

Tax credits must be reported to the Arizona Department of Commerce by the earlier of:

- ✧ 6-months after the end of the tax year or
- ✧ prior to filing your Arizona tax returns
- ✧ Tax credits must be claimed with the Arizona Department of Revenue by the due date, with extensions, for the tax year.

Property Tax Reductions

Who is eligible?

Manufacturing Companies and Commercial Printers that own or use property located within the enterprise zone, and are either:

- ✧ woman-owned, or
- ✧ Minority owned, or
- ✧ Small (less than 100 employees at the zone location or less than \$4 million annual revenues); and
- ✧ Are independently owned & operated (generally if more than 50% of the company is owned by another company, the business is not eligible).

What are the benefits?

Reclassification of real and personal property for 5 years of reduced taxes (about 40% to 60% savings). This reduction applies only to primary property taxes.

How do I qualify?

Your company must make an investment ranging from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 (depending on population) in fixed assets at the zone location. The investment can be aggregated from January 1, 2001 as long as the zone was in place during that time.

When do I apply?

Property reclassification can be requested after initial screening by the Arizona Department of Commerce. After eligibility is verified the reports must be submitted by October 1st of each year.

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